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KUALA LUMPUR PLEASE PASS TO LOWMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, AS, PINR
SUBJECT: VISIT BY GOA FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ROBERT GORDON

1. ROBERT GORDON, INTELLIGENCE LIAISON OFFICER, AT
DFA TOLD EMBOFF TODAY HE WOULD BE VISITING SOUTHEAST
ASIA IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS BEGINNING THIRD WEEK IN
JULY. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE WILL BE TO TRY TO PUT
TOGETHER A FIRST HAND PICTURE OF CHANGING EVENTS IN
LAOS/VIETNAM/CAMBODIA; DFA IS RECEIVING ALMOST AS
MANY ACCOUNTS AS WE ARE, AND IS SCROUNGING FOR FIRST-
HAND IMPRESSIONS TO TRY TO HELP SORT IT ALL OUT.
GORDON WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS,
BUT PLANS TO DO EXTNSIVE IN-COUNTRY TRAVELS IN
MALAYSIA AND THAILAND AND POSSIBLY TO THE SEA COUNTRIES
AS WELL. HE SPECIFICALLY PLANS TO VISIT REFUGEE
CAMPS (HE IS ONE OF DFA'S FEW FLUENT VIETNAMESE
LANGUAGE OFFICERS).

2. GORDON WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
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IN SIAGON DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, AND IS WELL AND
FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MANY AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO WERE
THERE AT THE TIME. HE IS ONE OF THIS EMBASSY'S BEST
CONTACTS IN DFA (FYI/NOFORN -- HE WILL SHORTLY RE-
PLACE FOR MINISTER PEACOCK'S PRIVATE SECRETARY/SPECIAL
ASSISTANT). IN THE EVENT THAT GORDON MAKES CONTACT
WITH US OFFICERS, WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND AS

CANDID AND FORTHCOMING AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AS POSSIBLE.
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